

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of improving modulation transfer function through scanning a scan object with a stagger sensor, wherein the stagger sensor includes a plurality of sensing modules, the method comprising:

5 retrieving reference digital data; and
 processing captured digital data of computed pixel after a scanning of the scan object.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein each sensing module includes a plurality of light-sensing cells and each light-sensing cell is capable of scanning a plurality of
10 computed pixels.

3. The method of claim 2, wherein processing the captured digital data further includes:

 if a first light-sensing cell of a first sensing module contains a reference digital data and a second light-sensing cell of a second sensing module and the first
15 light-sensing cell has some overlapping in a forward scanning direction, digital data of the computed pixel in the region in the second light-sensing cell having no overlapping with the first light-sensing cell is obtained using a formula: $A(X) = F(X) * N - A(X-1) - A(X-2) - \dots - A(0) * (N-X)$; and

 if a first light-sensing cell of a first sensing module contains no reference
20 digital data and a second light-sensing cell of a second sensing module and the first light-sensing cell has some overlapping in the forward scanning direction, the digital data of the computed pixel scanned by the second light-sensing cell having no overlapping with the first light-sensing cell is obtained using a formula: $A(X) = F(X) * N - A(X-1) - A(X-2) - \dots - A(X-N+1)$,

where X is a desired computed pixel, N is a number of computed pixels included in a light-sensing cell, A(X) is digital data corresponding to an Xth computed pixel, A(1) is digital data of the first computed pixel, and F(X) is digital data obtained after a scanning operation including computed pixels captured by the light-sensing cell.

5 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the digital data in the overlapping region between the second light-sensing cell and the first light-sensing cell contains identical digital data.

 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the reference digital data includes digital data obtained from unused light-sensing cells in the sensing module.

10 6. The method of claim 1, wherein the sensing module inside the stagger sensor has a slight shift in position relative to each other.

 7. The method of claim 1, wherein the stagger sensor corresponding to a sense primary color has sensing modules positioned in parallel to a long axis, wherein each sensing module has a first light-sensing cell of a first sensing module and a second
15 light-sensing cell of a second sensing module, both having a first end on a vertical line in an identical position along the long axis but each has a second end on a vertical line in a different position along the long axis.

 8. A method of improving modulation transfer function through scanning a scan
20 object with a stagger sensor, wherein the stagger sensor includes a plurality of sensing modules, a first light-sensing cell of a first sensing module and a second light-sensing cell of a second sensing module have a first end on a vertical line in the same position along the long axis but each has a second end on a vertical line in a different position along the long axis, the method comprising:

obtaining digital data of a first computed pixel using a difference in scanning region between the first light-sensing cell and the second light-sensing cell; and processing the digital data of a plurality of subsequently computed pixels after a scanning of the scan object according to the digital data of the first computed pixel.

5 9. The method of claim 8, wherein each light-sensing cell is capable of scanning a plurality of computed pixels.

10 10. The method of claim 9, wherein processing the digital data of subsequently computed pixels further includes:

when the second light-sensing cell and the first light-sensing cell have overlapping region in a forward scanning direction, digital data of the computed pixel scanned by the second light-sensing cell having no overlapping with the first light-sensing cell are obtained through a formula: $A(X) = F(X) * N - A(X-1) - A(X-2) - \dots - A(X-N+1)$,

where X is a desired computed pixel, N is a number of computed pixels included in a light-sensing cell, A(X) is digital data corresponding to an Xth computed pixel, A(1) is digital data of the first computed pixel, and F(X) is digital data obtained by scanning using light-sensing cells included in capturing the computed pixels.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein the digital data in the overlapping region between the second light-sensing cell and the first light-sensing cell contains identical digital data.

12. A stagger sensor for improving modulation transfer function, wherein the stagger sensor corresponding to a sense primary color has sensing modules positioned in parallel to a long axis, wherein a first light-sensing cell of a first sensing module and a second light-sensing cell of a second sensing module both have a first end on a vertical

line in the same position along the long axis but each has a second end on a vertical line in a different position along the long axis.

13. The stagger sensor of claim 12, wherein the first light-sensing cell has a vertical width along the long axis greater than any other light-sensing cell in the first
5 sensing module.

14. The stagger sensor of claim 12, wherein the first light-sensing cell has a vertical width along the long axis smaller than any other light-sensing cell in the first sensing module.

15. The stagger sensor of claim 14, wherein the first light-sensing cell includes a
10 plurality of scanning spaces.